

Ventura County Coastal Association of Realtors in carrying forth the organization's goals, and I extend my best wishes for all of her future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEWAREN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Sewaren Free Public Library on its 100th Anniversary. The library has been an integral part of the local community since 1913 and continues to provide residents an opportunity to learn and a place to gather.

Officially opened in December of 1913, the idea for the Sewaren Free Public Library was proposed in August of 1913 by a member of the Sewaren Civic Association, Mrs. Blanche B. Balfour. Fundraisers were held by supporters, and within a few months, committees were formed and requests were sent out for books and periodicals. Upon its opening, the library had acquired about 417 volumes.

By 1994, the Sewaren Free Public Library was one of many small branches within the Woodbridge Township Public Library system. After being closed due to funding cuts by the Woodbridge Township Public Library system, it was re-opened as an independent library. The Sewaren Free Public Library is currently run by a volunteer Board of Trustees.

Since its founding, the Sewaren Free Public Library has supported and been supported by the local community. It provides services and resources to residents, offering computer access, media services, pre-school programs, and bingo for senior citizens.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Sewaren Free Public Library. Its continued service to the community is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LARRY MCKINLEY

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Larry McKinley, a New Orleans radio personality and music promoter who for decades tirelessly promoted our city's cherished Jazz music. Mr. McKinley recently passed away and while today I am saddened by his passing, I wish to pay tribute to Mr. McKinley and his passion towards a beautiful and beloved art form.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. McKinley attended the Columbia College of Broadcasting before moving to New Orleans in 1954. By the end of his first decade in New Orleans, he became one of the most influential deejays in the city. During the formative years of his illustrious career, he earned national notoriety for his distinguished musical taste. Atlantic Records' executives credit Mr. McKinley for the success of Ray Charles 1959 hit "What'd

I Say" the label's best-performing song of the era.

In 1959, Mr. McKinley founded Minit Records alongside Joe Banashak, a local record-business veteran. He also promoted local concerts by such musical superstars as James Brown, Sam Cooke, and the Jackson 5. Whenever possible, he shined a spotlight on the talented New Orleans musicians broadening their exposure and helping them ascend in the music business.

For these and countless other achievements Mr. McKinley was introduced into the Black Radio Hall of Fame, the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame, and awarded an OffBeat Magazine Best of the Beat Music Business Award. The passion and commitment Mr. McKinley dedicated to the national treasure that is R&B and Jazz Music inspires us all. I want to join his family, the people of New Orleans, and the music industry in celebrating the life of this exceptional citizen.

HONORING CONCEPCION MORON, A WORLD WAR II HERO

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Private First Class Concepcion G. Moron and his bravery during World War II.

Private First Class Concepcion G. Moron of the 304th Infantry Regiment of the United States Army heroically distinguished himself in combat in Germany on April 1, 1945. While advancing upon the town of Steinfischbach, Private Moron's company faced enemy fire from nearby woods. Private Moron led his squad through the woods as they encountered heavy machine gun fire. Private Moron, risking his own life, fired upon the enemy gunners, killing one and forcing two additional e to surrender. This courageous act is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

For these acts of bravery and heroism, Mr. Moron was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in ground combat against an armed enemy during World War II in the European Theater of Operations.

On behalf of those whose lives he saved, I rise to recognize the exemplary service of Concepcion G. Moron.

RECOGNIZING JOHN HERBER AS PEOPLE MAGAZINE'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. John Herber of Northwest Florida for being named "Teacher of the Year" by People Magazine. Mr. Herber was one of only six teachers throughout the United States that was bestowed this honor. For fifteen years, Mr. Herber has been an inspiration to his students, his colleagues, and his community, and I am pleased to recognize his commitment and dedication to molding the minds of our Nation's future leaders.

A native of Tomahawk, Wisconsin, Mr. Herber earned his teaching degree from the University of West Florida in Elementary Education. Ever since, his passion for education has only grown, along with the tremendous impact he has made on the Northwest Florida community. Mr. Herber has served the students and families of Escambia County, Florida at Lincoln Park, Warrington, Brentwood, and Weis Elementary Schools. For the past seven years, he has taught fifth-graders at Oakcrest Elementary School.

Mr. Herber creates an enjoyable environment for learning. His classroom, adorned with science experiments, is evidence of his unique hands-on approach. His pupils' enthusiasm and passion for learning are a testament to Mr. Herber's talent and leadership. Outside of the classroom, Mr. Herber dedicates time on the football field as a school football coach. There is no question that the amount of time and energy Mr. Herber invests in the school and his students has contributed to the school's high ratings and improved student performance.

The superb quality and effectiveness of the schools in Northwest Florida can no doubt be credited to educators like Mr. Herber. He understands the invaluable role teachers serve in the lives of their students, and blessed with the support of his wife Sammi, he possesses an unwavering commitment to excellence.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize John Herber's achievements in teaching and elementary education. My wife Vicki and I wish Mr. Herber and his wife continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 631, I was unable to cast my vote for rollcall No. 631 because my flight from Seattle was delayed.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

CONGRATULATING GREENBRIAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Greenbriar Elementary School in Northbrook, Illinois, in the district I represent. This outstanding educational institution has been recognized as one of only 286 Blue Ribbon schools in the entire country.

This is the first National Blue Ribbon distinction that Greenbriar has earned, one of 21 awarded in the state, one of four awarded to schools in Illinois's Tenth District and one of three in Northbrook.

Good education is the foundation of any community, and it is essential to our success in the 21st Century. At any of Northbrook's Blue Ribbon Schools, you will find some of the